

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2168**

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2008, the period for response to which extends to December 23, 2008, please enter and consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the claim amendment section of this paper.